

PROCLAMATION NORTH DAKOTA DISASTER EMERGENCY July 23, 2003

WHEREAS, based on initial assessment reports from local governments and officials representing Rural Electric Cooperatives in Barnes and Cass Counties regarding damage from severe summer storms and high winds to power distribution systems in the state, I find that an Emergency exists within the state of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, damage from severe summer storms and high winds on June 24-25, 2003. has caused numerous electric transmission lines, power poles, towers, and transformers to fail.

WHEREAS, I proclaim an "Emergency" for the State of North Dakota and order the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to implement all necessary operational procedures necessary to assist the Rural Electric Cooperatives with recovery from this devastating event.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act (Chapter 37-17.1, North Dakota Century Code) and this proclamation, or renewals thereof, executive orders, other proclamations, and regulations that will be issued to implement this proclamation to meet the dangers inherent by the high wind conditions, shall have the force and effect of law.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 23rd day of July, 2003.

John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State